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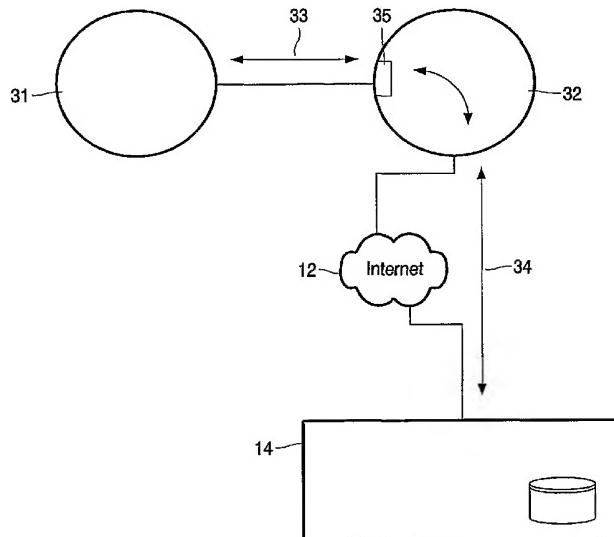
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(57) Abstract: User devices like disc players or set top boxes may lack a storage unit. A method of providing virtual local data storage for a user device that is connectable to a remote server (14) via a network (12) is described. A storage application (32) is provided in the user device, which initiates a socket connection to the remote server. The application provides an application interface API (35) for requests for storing auxiliary data (33) from (other) applications (31) in the user device. When a storage request is received via the API, the auxiliary data is stored on the remote server via the network (12). The new storage application may be build in a user device or memory extension, or may be provided as a downloadable plug-in or via a optical disc (CD, DVD or BD).

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